

3. (Amended) The test element of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the reagent layer comprises phenylalanine dehydrogenase.
4. (Canceled)
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7. (Amended) The test element of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is gelatin or agarose.
8. (Amended) The test element of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the colorimetric reagent is thionine, Rose Bengal, Methylene Blue, Azure C or a tetrazolium salt.
11. (Amended) A medical device adapted for the monitoring of blood levels of phenylalanine utilizing colorimetric analysis, comprising a unit containing testing elements according to claim 1, or insertion means for receiving the test elements according to claim 1 having a test biological blood sample thereon and a means on said device for displaying a test result for a level of phenylalanine in the biological blood sample.
12. (Amended) The device of claim 11, further comprising a memory means for storing previous biological blood sample results and means for displaying the stored biological blood sample result.
14. (Canceled)
15. (Amended) A method of determining the presence or absence of phenylalanine in a biological blood sample comprising applying the biological blood sample to a test strip according to claim 1 allowing the biological blood sample to react with the reagent layer and colorimetrically determining a level of phenylalanine in the biological blood sample.
16. (Amended) The device of claim 11, wherein the device is a table-top plug-in device.

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified Patent Application in light of the Amendment and Remarks.